

SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE:

CAR BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERA HIT

For immediate release:

5-30-18 1600 Hours PR 1 SP18-427 Lieutenant Bill Fraass (415) 289-4170

On Tuesday, May 30, 2018, at approximately 1:12 PM, the Sausalito Police Department received an alert from our License Plate Recognition Cameras that a vehicle associated with an auto burglary suspect was entering Sausalito from Alexander Avenue. The vehicle, a 2008 Hyundai Santa Fe, had been used by an individual who had committed an auto burglary in the 400 block of Bridgeway on May 23, 2018.

Sausalito Police Officers immediately responded and conducted a comprehensive search of the area. At Approximately 1:18 PM, Detectives Davin Rose and Justin Ritz located the Hyundi parked in the 400 block of Bridgeway. Shortly after locating the Hyundai, Detectives Rose and Ritz observed a male subject, wearing a sweatshirt with the hood over his head, hunched over and looking into a closed window of a parked vehicle. The Detectives attempted to contact the subject whom immediately ran from them.

The subject ran into an open garage where he discarded a tool that is commonly used to commit auto burglaries. Detectives Rose and Ritz were then able to detain Bryan Perez-Cruz (18 year old male resident of San Francisco) without incident.

Investigation at the scene resulted in Perez-Cruz being arrested for possession of burglary tools, discarding evidence, and prowling and he was booked into the Marin County Jail. The Hyundai was impounded.

Since the City of Sausalito's License Plate Recognition Camera program became operational on Thursday, May 18, 2017, fifteen (15) stolen vehicles have been recovered and twenty-two (22) individuals have been arrested for various crimes. The goal of the License Plate Recognition Camera program is to increase public safety by utilizing technology to alert Law Enforcement to wanted vehicles, enhance post-crime investigative abilities, and deter crime by increasing the likelihood of suspect identification.

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